



Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Research Economist

Department/Division: What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth
Accountable to: Prof. Henry Overman

The Research Economist will work with WWC senior staff, academic partners and practitioners, especially in local government, to help design, deliver, manage and analyse randomised control trials and quasi-experimental impact evaluations that the Centre develops with local partners. They will also support our local partners to develop and deliver their own policy evaluations; help draft policy toolkits, and support the Centre's policy working groups. The postholder will develop their own research projects on the development and/or implementation of rigorous quantitative evaluation methods in areas of interest to urban/spatial economics or related fields.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Work with WWC senior staff, academic partners and practitioners (particularly in local government) to help design, deliver, manage and analyse randomised control trials and quasi-experimental programme evaluations.
- Develop appropriate conceptual frameworks to tackle research issues under analysis.
- Cleaning, collection and preparation of data. Matching data from different datasets.
- Data analysis, including econometric analysis and preparation of charts/ graphs for papers.
- Assist in presenting research findings and attend meetings and conferences as necessary.
- Assist in the writing of reports and papers, including programme evaluations and policy toolkits.
- Liaise with WWC funders and outside agencies to report on research progress, obtain data, resolve data difficulties.
- Develop and maintain relationships with WWC partners in local government, central government, third sector and private sector.
- Develop project proposals of interest to the WWC, the Spatial Economics Research Centre or the Centre for Economic Performance (in collaboration with colleagues).
- To seek research funding for these projects where appropriate.
- Supervise / project-manage more junior members of staff when asked to do so.
- To attend CEP/SERC seminars and other seminars relevant to the work of the Centre.

**Note**

The LSE has a progressive pay structure that rewards you with annual pay increases up to a certain level as you develop in your role. We also provide for further reward past this point in the form of further pay increases based on exceptional performance.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.

Equality and Diversity

To uphold the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity, as set out in the [Ethics Code](#), we will treat all people with dignity and respect, and ensure that no one will be treated less favourably because of their role at the School, age, sex, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, or social and economic background. For the full Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy statement, please see the [EDI website](#).

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.